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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EXCHANGE ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS REPORTS THAT OCCURRED MARCH 14 AT THE NOON PRESS  
BRIEFING.

Q. HAVE YOU GOTTEN ANY REACTION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS? CAN YOU, EITHER SPECIFICALLY OR  
GENERALLY, TELL US HOW THEY ARE BEING RECEIVED?

A. WELL, THEY'RE JUST MADE PUBLIC, OF COURSE, SIX O'CLOCK  
SATURDAY NIGHT BY THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE INVOLVED. AND  
AS I THINK WESAID BEFORE, OUR EMBASSIES INVOLVED HAD COPIES  
OF THESE REPORTS AHEAD OF TIME FOR THEIR USE IN BRIEFING  
THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. NOW, OTHER THAN THE REACTIONS  
THAT HAVALREADY BEEN NOTED LAST WEEK AND I BELIEVE THE  
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WEEK BEFORE IN LATIN AMERICA, I HAVE NO OTHER SPECIFIC  
REACTIONS TO REPORT TO YOU, OTHER THAN WHAT IS PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE.

DO YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION?

Q. NO. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS

FROM THAT? ARE THEY BEING SWALLOWED WHOLE, THE REPORTS?  
ARE HATS BEING TOSSED IN THE AIR? HUZZAS BEING--WHAT  
DO YOU DRAW FROM THAT? WE HAVE SEEN THE NEWSPAPERS AND  
YOU HAVE SEEN THE NEWSPAPERS.

A. YES.

Q. BUT I ASSUME AMBASSADORS ARE TOLD THINGS PRIVATELY--

A. NO --

Q. --YOU KNOW, TO REPORT BACK?

A. YES.

Q. AND YOU DON'T KNOW OF ANY SUCH?

A. I DON'T. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS EXPLAINED TO THE  
COUNTRIES INVOLVED WAS THAT THIS WAS A REPORTING REQUIRE-  
MENT SET UP BY UNITED STATES CONGRESS WITH REGARD TO  
COUNTRIES WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, AND  
THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THESE REPORTS. THAT'S PART  
OF THE BRIEFING THAT WOULD BE GIVEN TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH  
IS THE SUBJECT OF A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, AND I THINK THAT  
HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. REACTIONS  
OTHER THAN WHAT ARE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, I HAVE NONE.

Q. JUST FOLLOWING THAT UP, MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT THE  
ADMINISTRATION AT THAT TIME OPPOSED THE REPORTING REQUIRE-  
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MENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD CAUSE AN UNNECESSARY  
REACTION ON THE PART OF THOSE COUNTRIES BEING REPORTED  
ABOUT. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS, IF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S  
PREDICTION HAS COME ABOUT?

A. WELL, IN THE FIRST PLACE, I DON'T RECALL PERSONALLY  
WHAT WAS SAID ON THE RECORD ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE  
REPORTING REQUIREMENT. THE FACT REMAINS, IT WAS LAID  
ON BY THE CONGRESS, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS DRAFTED THESE  
REPORTS ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION IT GETS FROM A NUMBER  
OF DIFFERENT SOURCES, AND WE ARE COMPLYING WITH THE INTENT  
AND DIRECTION OF CONGRESS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE COULD  
BE SAID ON THAT, JIM, IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.  
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